K Division Special Tactical Operations
Operation Planning Process
DEPLOYMENT PLAN

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Situation: On Saturday January 29th, 2022, protestors comprised mainly of truckers intending to travel to Coutts Border Crossing to blockade North and South bound lanes. Organizers have indicated the blockade will remain in place until the Canadian Federal Government removes all vaccination restrictions. Approximately 1000 trucks and occupants are expected at the blockade site. As of 1000hrs the convoy headed for blockade is estimated at 1000 vehicles. Organizers have indicated a route will remain open to allow passing of livestock vehicles, emergency vehicles and border staff.

As of 1030hrs, organizers advised a significant portion of participants are now indicating a 100% blockade of the border. No traffic of any kind will be allowed through.

The SMEAC is in support of two possibilities:
1. They do not allow any traffic to transit to the border.
2. The protestors become disruptive and attempt to occupy the infrastructure shared by Canadian Customs and US Border Patrol.

Mission:
1. To uphold Canadian Charter of Rights
2. To facilitate a peaceful lawful protest
3. Ensure uninterrupted operation of Canada/US Border.
4. To protect life and property

Execution:

1. **A. Total Road Blockade (one lane open but barricaded at entry point)- Two sections of STO members (8 members per section), s.37 Deployment, accompanied by CCMG to negotiate and all interactions to be recorded by EGT component. The two sections will approach from the North and physically remove the northern blockade either by arresting vehicle owners and towing vehicles or dismantling whatever form of blockade that is in place. Once open, one section of STO will act as a pilot vehicle and lead the lawful traffic to border crossing where it will be joined by another section of STO members already staged at the border crossing. These two sections will combine to remove any southern blockade.**

   B. Total Road Blockade (all lanes blocked)- Mandatory full team deployment. One by one starting from the North, each vehicle will be approached by two sections, accompanied by CCMG and EGT. Vehicle will be given the option to voluntarily depart and if refused, owner occupant will be arrested, vehicle will be seized and towed. This process will be repeated vehicle by vehicle until the blockade dismantles or disperses. DEOC will be required to coordinate multiple tow companies. Alberta Sheriffs assistance will be required for prisoner transport, process and release.

2. **Attempt to overtake and occupy international border facilities- mandatory public order event, entire STO team will be activated (currently 75 operational members due to Covid) and will stage off site to the West in a s.37 format. Will approach the building from the West pedway to enter the facility and will enter using established public order formations and maneuvers. Will exit the building on ground level on north side and sweep the crowd back to the vehicles at the Blockade creating a bubble around the north side of the building. This will allow public entering Canada from the South to return to normal operating procedures.**

   If this is required, it is estimated it would require 24 hours to properly mobilize the team and to sustain it would require a second team from either E Division, F Division or CPS.

Admin / Logistics:

- **All materials to be provided by STO.**
- **s.37 gear to be staged nearby in the event protestors become violent**
- **While in s.37 status Gas/ Less Lethal team will only be equipped with less lethal impact munitions.**
- **CS munitions to be staged off site and used as a last resort only for officer safety (team is overrun)**
- **Transportation of members to be arranged by STO**
- **Food and Lodging to be arranged by STO (Lethbridge)**
- **UAV aerial support would be requested for evidence gathering and monitoring of crowd movements**

Command:
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